

### **Exercise 1**

1. For each of the following, determine whether or not the question is a statistical question. Give a reason for your answer.
  - a. What is my job of choice?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What are the streets my classmates live on?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. How many years have my classmates worked in their current jobs?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d. What is the favorite TV show of instructors in my learning center?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - e. How many employees does my company have?
  
2. Explain why each of the following questions is not a statistical question.
  - a. How old am I?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What's my favorite food?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. How old is my boss?





## **Independent Practice**

Statistics is about using data to answer questions. In this module, the following four steps summarize your work with data:

Step 1: Pose a question that can be answered by data.

Step 2: Determine a plan to collect the data.

Step 3: Summarize the data with graphs and numerical summaries.

Step 4: Answer the question posed in Step 1 using the data and summaries.

A statistical question is one that can be answered by collecting data and where there will be variability in the data.

Two types of data are used to answer statistical questions: numerical and categorical.

1. For each of the following, determine whether the question is a statistical question. Give a reason for your answer.
  - a. How many letters are in my last name?
  - b. How many letters are in the last names of the students in my class?
  - c. What are the colors of the uniforms worn at work by my classmates?
  - d. What is the maximum number of products that a production line can roll in 5 minutes?
  - e. What are the check rates of quality assurance workers on Line F?
  - f. How many hours of work do each of my classmates get each week?
  - g. How many miles per gallon do compact cars get?
  
2. Identify each of the following data sets as categorical (C) or numerical (N). Explain your answer.
  - a. heights of 10 classmates
  - b. number of non-English speakers in my learning center
  - c. favorite restaurant of each of my 20 coworkers
  - d. types of car driven by each of 15 friends
  - e. number of work hours/week by each of 12 coworkers
  
3. Rewrite each of the following questions as a statistical question.
  - a. How many pets does your teacher have?
  - b. How many items were marked non-compliant on the assembly line yesterday?
  - c. How many pages are in my employee handbook?
  - d. Can I calculate averages?

4. Write a statistical question that would be answered by collecting data from classmates in your learning center.
5. Are the data you would collect to answer the question you wrote in Problem 2 categorical or numerical? Explain your answer.